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Dr. Robert M. Farrier  
Assistant Director  
The Clinical Center  
National Institutes of Health  
Bethesda 14, Maryland

Dear Bob:

Herewith are three more letters containing suggestions for possible treatment in the Secretary of State's case.

Will you be good enough to do the usual and give us some suggestions as to appropriate replies?

Many thanks.

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Sincerely,

  
Assistant to the Director

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**Attachments:**

- 1 - Letter from Mr. J. L. Molenaar
- 2 - Letter from Freddy, Homburger, M. D.
- 3 - Letter from Robert R. Citron, M. D.  
with various attachments.

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March 5, 1959

Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director of the Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I have received a letter from Mrs. A. Voorneman-Apon, a medical doctor at The Hague, The Netherlands; date of letter Feb. 19, 1959, regarding in part as follows:

"We here (In the Netherlands) are very much disturbed about the condition of the President's right hand, John Foster Dulles.

In September 1957 I spoke to a lady of the Washington Cancer Institute; she herself is also a doctor, and as we both are members in the business and Professional Female Federation; and inasmuch as I am the hostess, I invited her to my home together with two English members. Since then we are still corresponding with each other and I learned that there is no cure for cancer in the U.S.A.

Her husband, The Director of the Washington Cancer Institute is in charge of all research.

I met, however, Dr. Mara Ponti, residing at [redacted] a cancer research Specialist, decorated for her work by the Italian Government, who made an invention in connection with cancer. Therefore an opportunity should be given to Mr. Foster Dulles for a chance of recovery

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even though outside the U. S. A.

Please let me know if you can do something."

I would not fail to pass the information on, although there is no doubt in my mind that the U. S. Government is doing everything in the matter.

As I lost my wife in January of this year to the same malignant disease, I know how important it is in case anything new should develop.

I thought it best to pass this on to you, a close relative.

Hoping to hear from you in the matter, so that I will be in a position to answer the letter from Dr. Voorneman-Aron, I am,

Respectfully yours,

*J. L. Molenaar*  
J. L. Molenaar (Mr.)



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March 10, 1959

Dr. F. Homburger  
Bio-Research Consultants  
9 Commercial Avenue  
Cambridge 41, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Homburger:

I sincerely appreciate your good letter of March 5, and your courtesy in sending me your two books.

Immediately following our conversation of some days ago, I reported to General Heaton, who is in charge of my brother's case at Walter Reed, and am bringing to his attention the letter you have just written me.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

cc: Dr. Farrier w/copy of basic

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March 5th  
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Mr. Allen Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Following your telephone call it occurred to me that my two books in the field of cancer and medical care of the aged and chronically ill might be useful to you in providing background information on many problems that may face you in connection with your brother's illness. I am taking the liberty of sending you with this letter these books with my compliments.

Please be assured that if in the course of our continued studies with the perhaps tumor-inhibiting substances of Dr. Apffel any promising results were to appear, or if I receive knowledge of any other promising materials, I would immediately call such findings to the attention of General Heaton and yourself.

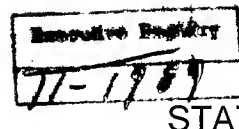
Sincerely yours,

/s/ Freddy Homburger

Freddy Homburger, M.D.

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ROBERT E. CITRON, M. D.



March 3, 1959

The Hon. Allen Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Only the most urgent circumstances of Secretary Dulles' illness and the national and international developments so directly related to this would have occasioned the undersigned to submit the information included herewith. Not only is the life and welfare of Secretary Dulles directly concerned, but many other factors and circumstances are so closely related to the psychology and determination which he represents, as to emphasize the problem of cancer as one of the utmost and basic importance to all concerned.

For several years, the undersigned has maintained with staff members of the National Cancer Institute a very active correspondence, based upon authentic and completely disclosed techniques of lipid immunochemistry, as applied to the problem of cancer therapy and control. This approach has not, as yet, been accepted by staff members of the National Cancer Institute for reasons which are not clearly defined, and under circumstances which suggest so many commitments to the large and influential pharmaceutical companies, on the basis of chemotherapeutic research, as to preclude an open-minded and objective attitude toward the much more feasible, fruitful and effective techniques of lipid immunochemistry. referred to herewith.

If a "gentlemen's agreement" between staff members of the National Cancer Institute and the pharmaceutical companies currently engaged in extensive and expensive chemotherapeutic research tacitly exists, this in itself would occasion an unwise and hazardous degree of self-imposed limitations as to scope and objectivity at the policy-making level of National Cancer Institute staff members. This is precisely the situation which currently exists, and it is entirely too costly and too inefficient a situation to tolerate, when such enormously harmful and tragic consequences result therefrom.

The work of the undersigned is substantially supported by the current literature in this field, particularly that concerning the work of Dr. M. M. Rapport of Sloan-Kettering Institute, as indicated by the references listed herewith. In addition, I have offered to finance a sufficient series of experiments to fully evaluate the status of lipid immunochemistry, as applied to the problem of cancer therapy.

The Hon. Allen Dulles

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I have attempted several times to obtain commercial laboratory testing of this same approach. The net results of these attempts have been to form the conclusion that most of the competent laboratories in this field are also so dependent upon and committed to similar contracts with the National Cancer Institute as to effectively stifle any form of cancer research, particularly that of immunology, which is not directly related to the relatively narrow, stultified, frustrating and unfruitful chemotherapeutic category, which so obviously represents the old philosophy of "putting all your eggs in one basket".

The Russians, Czechs and other laboratories and agencies throughout the world are by no means idle in this field, and if this most practical and promising means of cancer therapy is bypassed much longer, it will be at the imminent risk of another scientific sputnik humiliation of American scientific prestige.

I have offered to give transfusions or blood serum from myself as a blood donor for Secretary Dulles' treatment, and several of my friends and associates who likewise received a series of cancer lipid vaccine injections here in Stockton have joined me in this offer. We cannot do much more than to alert you as to the nature of the current impasse, and to ask of you and those in authority at the executive and legislative level of our national government to thoroughly examine and review the policies and purposes which have led to this ominous rejection of a positive and scientifically objective approach to the cancer problem, as compared to the more than 10-year history of frustration and failure of the current chemotherapy screening project.

Thanking you for the privilege of this correspondence, and looking forward to your comments and recommendations, I am

Most respectfully and sincerely yours,

*Robert R. Citron*

Robert R. Citron, M. D.

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Dr. Robert M. Farrier  
Assistant Director  
The Clinical Center  
National Institutes of Health  
Bethesda 14, Maryland

Dear Bob:

Attached is another letter from a Mrs. Helen M. Harris advocating the use of Mucorhycin.

After you have finished with this, will you please return the various attachments to Mrs. Harris' letter since she has asked that they be returned to her.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Assistant to the Director

Attachments

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